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SUBJECT USIA Receives Order from Wismut AG
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1. The Central Commercial Bureau of USIA has just received an order from the Leipzig office of Wismut AG,* for 1600 tons of 5 - 10 mm. sheet metal of a type suitable for the construction of high pressure vessels; 400 tons of tool steel of various analysis, and an unspecified quantity of abrasive grinding wheels, hones, etc. The value of the order is estimated to be 60,000,000 shillings. Delivery is to be made at the earliest possible date.

2. The order was received following the recent visit of Bureau Director (Sergei Ossipov) to Leipzig. It is reported that Ossipov plans another trip to Wismut headquarters and Poland in the near future. In anticipation of additional orders from Wismut, the Central Commercial Bureau of USIA is assigning high priority to the procurement of tool steel.

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